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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 15, 2007, Applicant respectfully submits the following reply, constituted by a listing of the claims in clean form and remarks urging the patentability of the claims.

(This reply is being filed on May 15, 2008, along with a petition for a three-month extension of time, and is therefore timely filed.)

A **listing of claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.